

REMARKS

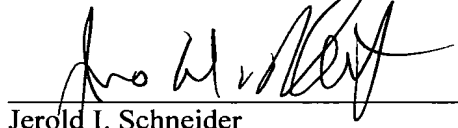
This is in response to the Office Action mailed 14 September 2004. A Request for Extension of Time (with Fee) is filed concurrently. Claims 1 - 3, and 12 - 21 are pending with Claim 1 being the only independent claim.

The allowability of Claims 1-3 relative to the prior art is noted with appreciation. The objection to multiple dependent claims which depend from other multiple dependent claims is noted and such claims have been canceled. New Claims 12-21 present dependent claims of varying scope. There are no multiple dependent claims depending from other multiple dependent claims.

Since the prior action closed prosecution on the merits, a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due is believed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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